

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending. Claims 1-8 are cancelled herein. Accordingly, claims 9 and 10 are at issue.

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 9 and 10 is noted with appreciation. Claims 9 and 10 are rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of their base claim 8 to put these claims in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Kaname, et al. Claim 8 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Matsuura, et al.

By the cancellation of claims 1-8 herein, these rejections are mooted.

Based on the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 9 and 10 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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